Drugs out of price control

*198. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a steep hike in the prices of life saving drugs has been noticed due to Government's position of removing 44 drugs from the diluted drug price list, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, the names of drugs and range of increase noticed in the life saving drugs during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have assessed the impact caused by this hike in prices;, and

(d) if so, what is the proposal of Government to control the price hike?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 containing a list of drugs under price control has not been pruned and is still in force. No steep hike in the prices of scheduled drugs has come to the notice of Government.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Migration of agriculturists from rural to Urban areas

*199. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent massive migration of agriculturists from rural to urban areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Rozgar Yojana, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The "Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana" (SGRY) announced by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address of the year 2001 was launched on September 25,2001 by merging the on-going Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY). Under the scheme, 50 lakh tonnes of food grains (worth Rs. 5000 crores) are to be provided every year